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DIFFA/Chicago Announces Excellence in Care Recipients

Funding Awards made to 11 Chicago Service Agencies at February 25 Event

DIFFA/Chicago Fellowship at Northwestern Medicine presented by Herman Miller

(Chicago) -- DIFFA/Chicago (Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS/Chicago) is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Excellence in Care Awards.

DIFFA/Chicago's Board of Directors tasked its Grants Committee to focus its funding on two areas:

- *Excellence in Care* - awarding grants to agencies that performed the best in the city.
- *Critical Need* - to determine the areas of most urgent or critical need in the Chicagoland area

"The determination was made to target funding to at-risk youth from ages 12-21, MSM/LGBTQ individuals specifically Men of Color, as well as programs specifically serving the South and West Sides of Chicago, where access to funding is challenging."

The panel looked specifically for programs and projects that stood out as innovative within their area of service and showed past or expected impact in the stated areas of focus.

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The following agencies have been awarded grants this year:

- Chicago House
- The CORE Foundation
- Heartland Alliance Health
- Legal Council of Health Justice with Howard Brown Health
- Mother & Child Alliance
- University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital (Care2Prevent)
- University of Illinois Health Community Clinic Network
- Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN)
- Youth Outlook
- Vida/SIDA

We are also pleased to announce the continued funding of the DIFFA/Chicago Fellowship at Northwestern Medicine. This year, the fellowship was being presented by Title Sponsor Herman Miller.

Irina Tabidze, MD, MPH Senior Epidemiologist, Bureau HIV/STI Chicago Department of Public Health and Jolie Holliman, Getting To Zero IL, Implementation Council and co-chairs the Standards of Equity subcommittee were the keynote speakers. Both presented critical updates on how our community must work together to achieve the Getting To Zero IL goal to end the HIV epidemic in Illinois by 2030.

Grants were presented on Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m., at Meet On 6 - theMart Conference Center. A reception followed the Awards Presentation hosted by Annual Sponsors: Gensler, Herman Miller, Interior Investments, Knoll, theMart, OFS, Steelcase, Stone Source, Thomas Interiors

To date, DIFFA/Chicago has granted over \$4.5 million to Chicago area HIV/AIDS service providers.

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